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DESCRIPTIVE LISTING OF GRAPE VARIETIES

RED VARIETIES

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AGAWAM, Is one of the older red varieties. It is a strong and vigorous vine. The fruit is large and of good quality. Bunches are large and compact. Ripens about a week after Concord. It is a good table grape and is also used for wine.

CACO, Is late. It ripens about a week after Concord. It is a strong growing vine. Altho it is not a heavy bearer the bunches are compact and the berries are large. The quality is excellent and the color is a very delicate pink.

CATAWBA, Late, Has been widely known as an excellent wine grape. It is also a very good table grape. Vine is vigorous and hardy. The fruit is medium size. The bunches are medium to large. Catawba needs about two weeks longer growing season than Concord.

DELAWARE, Early, Altho the berry is small it is of excellent quality. The bunches are of medium size and very compact. The vine is medium hardy. It is about a week earlier than Concord. At present it is in great demand for wine and Champagne.

LINDLEY. Very early. Excellent quality and flavor. Berry rather large. The bunches are stragly. In our opinion it is the best red grape for table use. It will stay on the vine for several weeks after ripening. Also keeps well after being picked. Its unusually ~~strong~~ growing vine should make it a good grape for an arbor.

WHITE VARIETIES.

DIAMOND. Early, Excellent quality and beauty. Berry medium to large. Bunches compact. Old world flavor. Carries and keeps well. Grown extensively in British Columbia for wine and table use. For all around use it is surpassed by no other white grape.

DUTCHESS. Midseason, excellent flavor, handsome appearance. Vine tender and susceptible to fungi. In spite of its tender vine and doubtful productivity it is still in demand for wine.

ELVIRA. Early, very productive. Altho this variety is very productive and very prolific the fruit is thin skinned and cracks easily. This makes it a poor table grape. However it is still in great demand for wine.

GOLDEN MUSCAT. It was named for its color and Muscat flavor. Bunches and berries are large. Berries oval in shape. Requires a season longer than Concord. Should be an excellent grape in the mid-South.

NIAGARA. Late. The old standby of the white varieties. The vine is a strong grower. The bunches are large. The berries are large and of excellent flavor. It is used for both table and wine.

ONTARIO. Early. The vine is medium hardy. The fruit is excellent quality. Berries are large but the bunches are long and loose. Ripens to a very attractive golden yellow.

PORTLAND. Early. The vine is medium hardy. The fruit is excellent quality. Bunches are medium size and very compact. It is ripe when still green in color. Portland is worthy of a trial anywhere that grapes are grown.

SENECA. Is almost pure vinefera. It ripens early with Ontario. The berries are oval in shape and of excellent quality. The skin sticks to the pulp which accounts for some calling it a skinless grape. Seneca deserves a place in any variety vineyard.

BLUE VARIETIES

BATH. New. It is an attractive black, very productive introduction worthy of trial for fresh fruit and processing. The vine appears to be as hardy as Concord. The berries are juicy sweet and full flavor. This variety is inclined to overbear. It is in demand in B.C.

BETA. A very prolific vine. Berries are small tho bunches are large and numerous. As it is early and very hardy it can be grown in the Northwest where many grapes cannot be grown.

Buffalo. Early. Good producer. Vine hardy.

CAMPBELLS EARLY, Is one of the oldest of the early blue varieties. It is grown extensively in the State of Washington and in B.C.

CONCORD is known by all. There are thousands of acres grown in western N.Y. for unfermented grape juice. It is also an excellent table grape.

FREDONIA, is probably the most prolific of the early blue grapes; Two weeks earlier than Concord. It has a large cluster and berry. Skin is thick and tough making it a good shipper.

IVES, Is primarily a wine grape. Desirable for wine because of its very dark color which makes a very red wine. It is a good bearer and vigorous vine. It can be grown profitably on any good grape soil. Ripens about with Concord.

SHERIDAN. Late, Large, Good keeper.

STUBEN is a very promising new introduction. The bunches are long and tapering. Fruit medium to large and of excellent quality. Flavor is unusually spicy which makes it an unusual table grape.

VAN BUREN- The very best early Concord type blue grape. Very vigorous and productive.

WORDEN. An old blue variety. Excellent quality. Thin skinned.

NEW YORK MUSCAT (Formerly N.Y. 12997) It will ripen where the season is too short for Golden Muscat. Berries are large and bunches medium. The vine is hardy. It is well worth a trial.

SEEDLESS GRAPES

CONCORD SEEDLESS- probably a sport of Concord. Fruit resembles Concord in color and flavor. The vine is also like Concord in appearance and vigor. Bunches and berries are very small.

INTERLAKEN SEEDLESS. White. It is a promising seedless grape. The vine is medium hardy. The fruit is medium size and good quality.

HIMROD. It is probably the most promising of the white Seedless varieties. It is very early. The vine is medium hardy. The fruit is medium size and very good quality. High sugar content.

FRENCH HYBRID VARIETIES

These Hybrids have been developed by crossing the classic European varieties with certain American Varieties. The varieties produced are too numerous to mention. A complete list would only confuse the prospective vineyardist. As these varieties are primarily wine grapes we are listing only those preferred by the New York State and Ontario Wineries. Also used in British Columbia.

SIEBEL #9110- is on best locations a beautiful yellow desert grape. It also produces a delicate white wine. May not be fully hardy under extreme conditions and should not be allowed to overproduce.

SIEBEL #5279 is a very early, white pinkish, delicious grape. Vigorous vine and good bearer. It is planted extensively in the Finger Lakes area of New York State for Wine, Also In B.C. Canada.

SIEBEL #10878- Healthy and vigorous. The vine is very productive. Clusters are large, berries small, black. Makes a very good table wine. The wine is a very dark red. Planted extensively in Ontario and British Columbia for wine. We believe this variety to be as prolific as any we have ever grown.

